

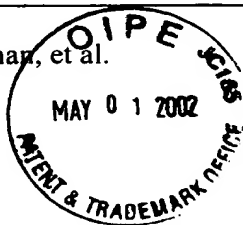
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Title: PROTOCOL STACK FOR LINKING  
STORAGE AREA NETWORKS OVER AN  
EXISTING LAN, WAN OR MAN



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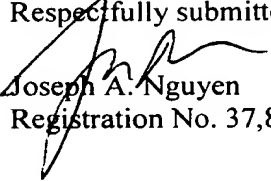
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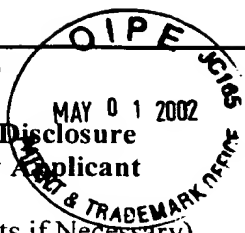
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